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Hello Dolly

Handcrafted stuffed dolls raise dollars for Haliburton Auxiliary. See page 2.

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Over the past four years the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary has been the annual recipient of dozens of adorable handcrafted "Dollies." These delightful little figures are presented to us every year at the Haliburton Powerboat Races. Our much loved benefactor, Pat France, stopped by early Saturday morning of the races with her annual gift to be sold at the Boat Races with all proceeds going to the Hospital Auxiliary.

This year Pat made "Duck Dollies" all of which were sold over the course of the race weekend, delighting many little race fans thanks to generous parents and grandmas. When asked about the little heart affixed to each doll, Pat explained that she has made hundreds of these dolls over the years and supplied 100 at a time to her son's teachers who volunteered during the summer months in orphanages throughout Africa. Pat understood that these vulnerable children most likely had not a single thing in the world that they could call their own. But now they did with their little doll someone far away had made just for them. The little heart on each doll indicates it was made with love.

A small story perhaps but one with tremendous effect, especially if you were one of those children receiving this gift of love.

Submitted by Judy Skinner,
Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary

Pat France of Grimsby makes and donates these little dolls to the Hospital Auxiliary each year. /JUDY SKINNER

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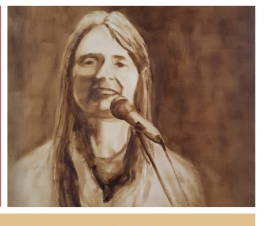

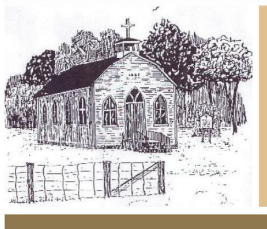

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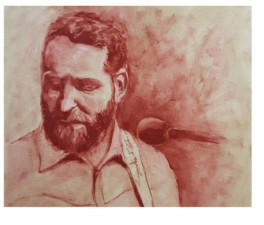


Daughter takes trip down memory lane with new book

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

Author Connie McCracken's new book, *Nine Decades: Nine Lives - A Life in Pieces*, explores the life of Maxwell "Curley" Curvin, a man local to the Peterborough area, with connections to the Haliburton Highlands.

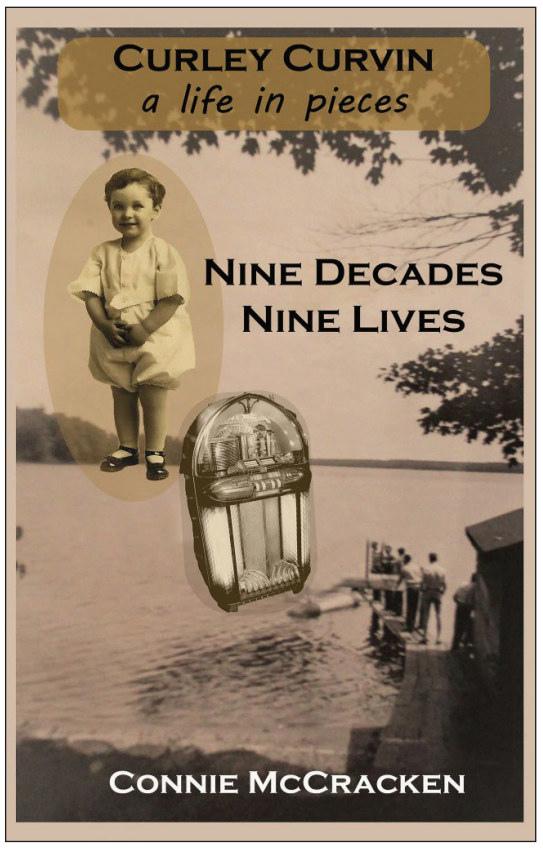
Curvin, who was McCracken's father, was born in 1918 in Peterborough, where he lived for 96 years, helping his father to establish a resort at Young's Point.

"My father did a million different jobs to make a buck, some quite unique, and I tell people about them in several chapters … my favourite being 'Diggin' Skunks and Pickin' Pigeons.' But his main business of pinball machines, novelty games, jukeboxes, and background music actually started at the resort when his dad brought a (one-arm bandit) slot machine home from a business trip to Montreal and they placed them in different tourist locations for their clientele to use," McCracken said in an email to *County Life*.

He also had a hunt camp on Eels Lake Road and on Bryan's Road near Gooderham, which McCracken said are in the book. The family vacationed at Linkert's resort in Wilberforce for years.

"The book about my father was actually started as a novel, not just a biography so that all could enjoy his funny and unique stories. It has history for all of Ontario and something for young and old to enjoy," she said. Although it's based in reality, because Curley isn't here to verify all the details, McCracken said it's a fictionalized account.

Connie McCracken is launching her second book on Amazon Kindle as an ebook on Sept. 5 with a softcover launch on Oct. 5 at Ricky's All Day Grill at 898 Monaghan Rd., Peterborough from 2 to 4 p.m. You can read more at conniemccracken.com/book. /Photo courtesy of the author



Right, Connie McCracken's book, *Nine Decades: Nine Lives*, is about the life of her father Curley Curvin, who lived 96 years in the Peterborough area, coming to the Haliburton Highlands during vacation time and to hunt and fish.

"The book is very much about how times have changed, as Ed Arnold describes in the quote about the book. It goes from Model T Fords to my dad's background business being fazed out because of new technology," she said.

Ed Arnold, former managing editor of the *Peterborough Examiner*, is quoted in promotional materials for *Nine Decades* as saying: "People with ideas for books should take the time to write them, especially memoirs or nonfiction ones so history will be retained in a bound format: Connie McCracken has taken the time to do this in a book about her father, Maxwell Curvin, best known among local people as 'Curley.' She tells the story through his eyes in an imaginative, raw, down to earth format that not only includes his story but of the people and places around us which will bring back many memories for those who lived those times. Connie has done an admirable job of gathering, researching and putting forth the information for Peterborough and area readers to enjoy while giving younger people a peek into the picture of past lives and a reminder to all of us how times have changed, oh, how times have changed."

Maxwell "Curley" Curvin lived through the Depression and gained skills in reusing and recycling, fixing things and finding ways to feed his fam ily, even during financial hard times, McCracken said. Sometimes that meant hunting and fishing to put a meal on the table.

"We would laugh that I would say 'I didn't even know what beef was until I was a teenager,'" she said.

McCracken is also the author of a children's book called *Indigo Boy and Crystalline Girl*.

Nine Decades: Nine Lives - A Life in Pieces is being released on Amazon Kindle as an ebook on Sept. 5 with a softcover launch on Oct. 5 at Ricky's All Day Grill at 898 Monaghan Rd., Peterborough from 2 to 4 p.m. You can read more at conniemccracken.com/book.

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Dorset library branch transitions to depot

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County Life Staff

The Dorset branch of the Haliburton County Public Library will be converted to a library depot effective Sept. 1, and library staff will be hosting workshops to help residents with the transition.

For the past couple of years, Algonquin Highlands council has been having discussions regarding the branch, located in the township-owned Dorset Recreation Centre. The branch, staffed just eight hours a week, had much lower circulation numbers than other branches. The township issued a community survey last summer, and the majority of respondents to that survey indicated they supported turning the space where the branch had been located into a multi-purpose community hub space.

As of September, while a collection of books will no longer be housed at the site, Dorset residents will still be able to place holds on and pick up books from the library's collection, with deliveries taking place each Saturday.

"People can place holds and pick up in Dorset, and in fact, they'll be able to pick up whenever they want, whenever the community centre is open," says library CEO Bessie Sullivan. "For some users, it will actually be an improvement in service."

"The collection will not be there, but the access to Haliburton County Public Library still is," Sullivan says.

To assist residents with the transition, library staff will be hosting workshops in early September.

"We'll be offering some courses to teach people how to manage their accounts online," Sullivan says.

Those workshops, to take place at the recreation centre, are scheduled for Sept. 10 at 10 a.m., and Sept. 24. Sullivan says library staff can host more as need be.

Residents can visit www.haliburtonlibrary.ca for details, or call 705-457-2241.

Sullivan says there has been some confusion throughout the province since the provincial government reduced funding to the Southern Ontario Library Service this spring. Following that funding reduction, SOLS ceased its inter-library loan system, allowing libraries throughout the province to share books with one another. Sullivan stresses that within the county system, books are still moved between branches.

"We've come to the conclusion that a lot of people just don't understand the difference between inter-branch loans in a library system, and the provincial inter-library loan," she says. "Our users are pretty educated, but just in case there's any confusion, we're still moving materials around the county, and people can still borrow from any branch and return to any branch. That has not changed. What has changed is our ability to borrow things around the province, and that's going to be up for debate at budget time."

When Haliburton County council begins its 2020 budget discussions, councillors will hear about the logistics and cost of continuing an inter-library loan service.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts, who is chair of the library board, led a county delegation to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

"Our main message was to advocate for fair pricing for electronic and audio books," Roberts told the paper, but added members had also mentioned the funding reduction to SOLS, and how it was negatively impacting rural library systems.

Reserve your spot with Hike Haliburton treks and events

With less than a month to go until Canada's largest hiking event kicks off, buzz around the 17th annual Hike Haliburton Festival (Sept.18 to 22) is getting louder.

More than half of the free guided hikes are now full, but there is still time to sign up for some pretty fantastic adventures, happening across the Haliburton Highlands. There are hikes created for every age and ability, truly something for everyone.

Happening in conjunction with the festival, are a number of concerts and events across the region:

Once Around Algonquin (with Kevin Callan) Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. Kevin will share his love of this paddling paradise and tell the tales behind the blisters and bruises in this bromance adventure. Kevin will be happy to sign your copy of his book. This presentation is sponsored by Algonquin Outfitters and Minden Subaru and will be held in the showroom of Minden Subaru.

Sean Chambers Band in Concert Thursday, Sept. 19 at 8 p.m.

Danny Michel in Concert
Friday, Sept. 20 at 8 p.m.

Haliburton Highlands Biggest Picnic Ever Sunday, Sept. 22 at 12 p.m. Visit Head Lake Park (Haliburton) for the Haliburton Highlands community picnic and closing ceremonies of Hike Haliburton. There will be local food and beverages, exhibitors, live entertainment and a "best picnic blanket" contest. Live music by Canadian reggae band The Satallites.

For a full listing of events and more info, visit hikehaliburton.com/festival-events.

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Garlic Fest attracts crowds

Garlic Fest welcomes garlic enthusiasts to the Abbey Gardens property on Sunday, Aug. 25. The annual event is a favourite of garlic lovers, who pick up a stash of the flavourful food along with other treats. /HUW MORGAN Special to County Life

Above, Melissa Spearing and Marchand Lamar talk garlic with Deb Mills.

Right, Morgan Burke of the Birds and the Bees holds a jar of the honey she sells. Burke raises money for Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation through her honey sales.

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When it's over

SHE LOOKED at the brown faces sitting across from her. Breakfast at the cottage. Sunlight pouring in through the open window as the lake sparkled and the birds chortled. If ever there was a slice of heaven on earth, this was it. Or so thought Sally as she sipped her coffee and watched her children slurping up their Cherrios.

SHARON LYNCH
Down Our Road

And it was all about to end for another year. The tans would fade, the birds fly south and the lake turn to granite. She tried not to dwell on these. There was still the fall to come with its riotous colours and crisp air. But for now Sally was mourning the glorious summer that was ending.

It had been a special one this year. Her oldest child had almost developed gills she was in the water so much and her son showed signs of fishing addiction. Their young bodies were strong and healthy, their minds confident in knowing they were now more capable at so many things. Catching frogs, hooking a worm, climbing the old pine tree, recognizing deer tracks and swimming, diving and exploring the bay's sandy bottom where minnows and clams hung out.

In a few days they'd be back in the city and settled into the familiar routine of school, work and commuting. Their living quarters would be roomier, cleaner and more modern in décor. Wearing new clothes for that first day back at school, both children would be as scrubbed and fresh as their attire. Optimism and anticipation would be in the air as a new year and new adventures lay ahead for them.

Friends they never thought they could live without for two months would re-enter their lives in a heartbeat as though there had been no separation. Summer tales recounted. Secrets shared. Plans begun. For many, September was the real start of a new year, not January.

Wanting to eke out the last bit of cottage summer, Sally suggested a picnic lunch out in the boat. They'll anchor near the little island, fish and swim off the boat and soak up every drop of this bright day. In the meantime the kids can run around outside gathering worms from under rocks and dry towels off the clothes line.

Sally cleaned up the few dishes then set to work making ham sandwiches, hard boiled eggs and peanut butter cookies. She looked around the old cottage. When they had first arrived at the end of June, it had looked a little worn, a touch tired and faded. Now it looked precious and comforting, a place she hated to leave, filled with years of memories along with new ones made this summer.

It was just past noon when she guided the boat through the channel and out into the big bay. Sky and water wore matching blue, cloudless and brilliant. Once they reached their destination, Sally cut the engine and her son dropped anchor. The only sound was the small waves lapping the side of the boat. She pointed out the quiet, noting some of their fellow cottagers had already left for the city.

Her son was eager to try his luck with the fishing line. Sally thought this was the wrong time of day to be fishing but knew it best to keep her opinion to herself. She was wrong. He got a hit on his line and the rod bent over. A flash and splash broke the surface and he yelled for the net, his thin young arms straining. Sally leaned over the side and as he reeled and reeled, she scooped up the prize. A nice bass. It would join garden beans and new potatoes for their dinner that night.

Then it was time for swimming and all three of them dove in. They floated, kicked and raced around the boat and out into the deeper water. Not able to match their boundless energy, Sally was the first to climb up the ladder and back into the boat.

A little later as they sat eating and drying in the warm breeze, a loon popped up beside them, its red eyes watchful and curious. A magical moment for all of them. As the last of the lunch disappeared, Sally wondered aloud if their school lunches would taste so good.

Top 10 reasons why bird watching was difficult for prehistoric man

I THINK WE can all agree prehistoric man did not have it so easy. They had to hunt, fish, mow the lawn around the cave, move heavy rock furniture and carry clubs all day long. So it should come as no surprise that they had little time for hobbies. And even if they did have time, those hobbies were not as user friendly as they are today. Take birding for example. It seems simple enough, but prehistoric man had to deal with difficulties that modern birders never have to contend with. Here are the top 10:

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Those damn pterodactyls.
2. No binoculars.
3. No cameras, so you had to draw everything.
4. Velociraptors were hard to categorize.
5. T-Rex scare everything off.
6. Most of the birds hunted people.
7. It took six days to process a brontosaurus – who had the time?
8. Field guides were made of stone.
9. You try to tell the difference between an Argentavus hen and an immature Kelenken.
10. Tilley hats weren't yet invented.

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I am a water snake

Beaver slaps her tail down
Heron croaks in air
Pitcher plant on floating bog
And diamonds everywhere
Quartz perks up the granite
Frogs and turtles dive
Lilies in a cluster
Alive, alive, alive

I breathe and then slice forward
No special route to take
Except at some point shoreward
When paddle needs a break

Beaver slaps her tail down
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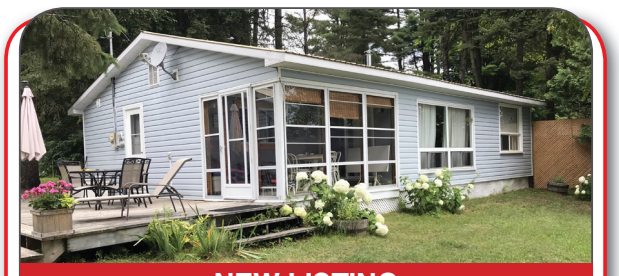

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Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12 - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624 Wilberforce

Friday Ham & Scalloped dinner 5 to 7 p.m.
Jam session 7:30 p.m.
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Sunday L.A. breakfast 9 - 12 p.m.
Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m.
Tuesday Executive meeting 7 p.m.
Wednesday General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Thursday HHHC social rec. drop in. Come out for coffee/tea or juice, cards, board games, crafts, Tec. time, pool or just to chat FREE 10a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
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A close-up of the information and artifacts in the latest addition to The Kiosk Project, marking the heritage of the Haliburton Scout Reserve.

Link to the past

The Kiosk Project marking the heritage of the Haliburton Scout Reserve added one more to the three additional kiosks, which were completed this spring and dedicated to the property's owner from 1931-47, E.D. Fee of Lindsay. His last surviving daughter Carol Ann Little visited in July with her husband and niece, Brenda Little. They still own and use the Fee Family cottage on Elephant Lake north-east of Wilberforce to see her father's former fishing lodge (Kennabi Lodge) and the heritage display. The kiosks were first installed in 2017. Each of them mark historical sites, providing details and information related to settlers and the site and included artifacts found in the area. Photo submitted by Ken Wrigglesworth.

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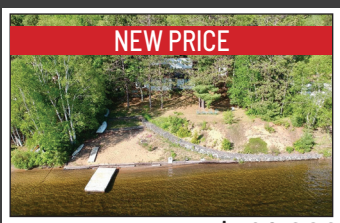

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- The perfect lot; flat, sand shoreline & southern views!

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- Separate large garage
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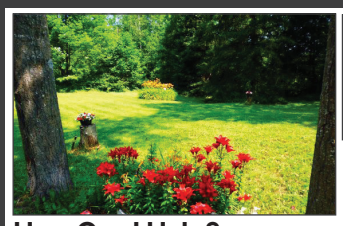

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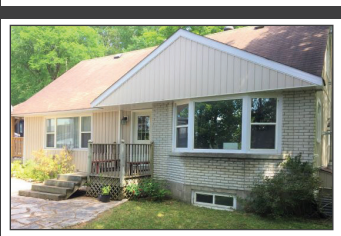

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- Shopping close by
- Trails at your door
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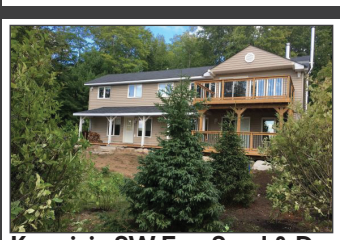

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Kennisis SW Exp Sand & Deep

- 2100 Sq 'Living Space,3 Bdrm, 4 Pc Bath, Lg Kit
- Lg Lr/Dr & Lg Lower Rec Rm, 2 New Decks
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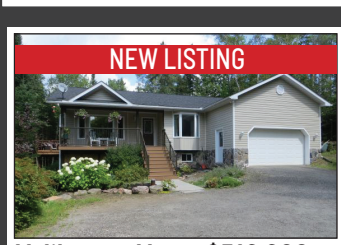

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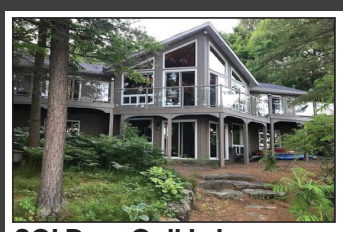
- Minutes to Town, Trail etc



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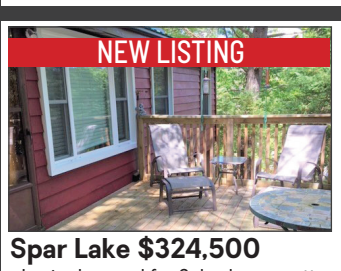

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Spar Lake $324,500

- Lovingly cared for 2-bedroom cottage
- Open plan with a deck & patio with gazebo
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- Plus many recent upgrades throughout!

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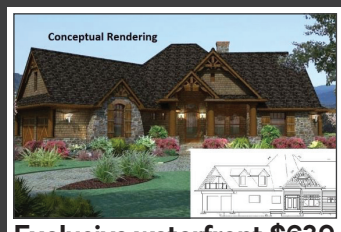

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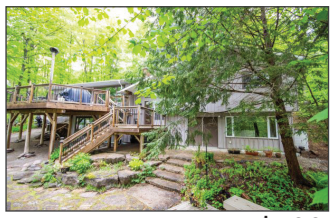

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- Large deck right on the water, southern exposure
- Sitting on Haliburton's premier 2 lake system

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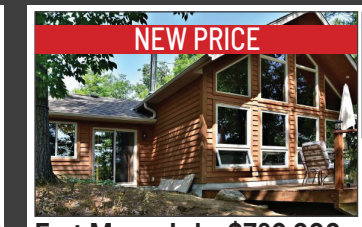
- 100 feet of waterfrontage



Brandon Nimigon*
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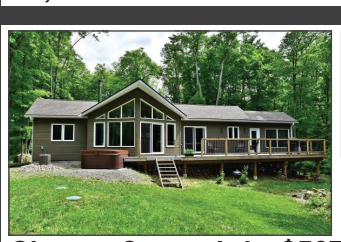
East Moore Lake $789,000

- Custom-crafted 4 season, under 2H from GTA
- Open concept interior, sunroom & WO to deck
- 3-bedroom, 2 bath, large second level loft
- Extreme privacy, to 239' of deep clean shoreline



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Close to Spruce Lake $527,000

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- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Screened Room, Deck w/Hot Tub
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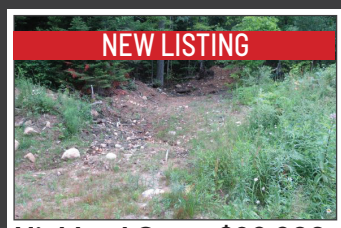

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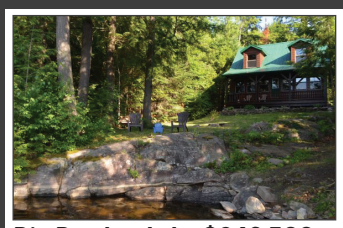

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Big Brother Lake $649,500

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- Winterized with full basement

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Buckslide Road $339,000

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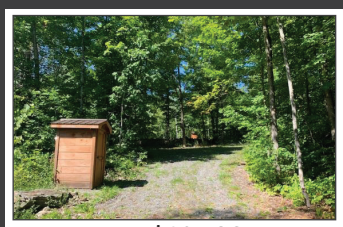
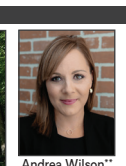
Haliburton Village $449,900

- Opportunity knocks combined home and commercial property
- Located close to hospital and schools
- 2+1 bedroom house plus 2700 sq ft shop.





Andrea Wilson**
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Building Lot $68,500

- Nice, well treed, partially landscaped
- Walking to public access on Kushog Lake
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The Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands Literary Arts Roundtable is holding a Big Book Club that features *Bellewether* by Susanna Kearsley. Susanna Kearsley was born in 1966 in Brantford, Ont. and is an award-winning, bestselling author who has been writing professionally for more than 20 years.

Bellewether, published in 2018 takes place in 1759 when the world is at war. As the back of the book describes, the times are complicated, as are the loyalties of many New York merchants who have secretly been trading with the French for years, defying Britain's colonial laws in a game growing ever more treacherous.

BESSIE SULLIVAN
BESSIE'S BOOKS AND OTHER THINGS

When captured, French officers are brought to Long Island to be billeted in private homes on their parole of honour, it upends the lives of the Wilde family – deeply involved in the treasonous trade and already divided by war.

Lydia Wilde, struggling to keep the peace in her fracturing family following her mother's death, has little time or kindness to spare for her unwanted guests. And Canadian lieutenant Jean-Philippe de Sabran has little desire to be there. But by the war's end they'll both learn love, honour, and duty can form tangled bonds that are not broken easily.

Their doomed romance becomes a local legend, told and re-told through the years until the present day, when conflict of a different kind brings Charley Van Hoek to Long Island to be the new curator of the Wilde House Museum.

Charley doesn't believe in ghosts. But as she starts to delve into the history of Lydia and her French officer, it becomes clear that the Wilde House holds more than just secrets, and Charley discovers the legend might not have been telling the whole story or the whole truth.

Although Kearsley is classified as a romance writer, her books often have elements of suspense or mystery and sometimes even time travel or the paranormal. The time travel aspect has resulted in her books being read-a-likes to Diana Gabaldon's *Outlander* series. Kearsley has also been compared to writers like Kate Morton and fellow Canadian Simone St. James because her books alternate between a present day puzzle and an era in history where the mystery is slowly revealed.

The Big Book Club takes place on Sept. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion. It has been described as a book club like no other with a world-wide live-streamed audience. The author Q and A will be hosted by Erin Kernohan-Berning from the library. Included are light refreshments, a book signing and silent auction. Admission is by donation. Master's Book Store is offering copies of the book at a 20 per cent discount and of course the library also has copies. Whether you have read the book or not the afternoon promises to be a reader's delight.

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Stanhope: Stanhope Community Center - Tues. Sept. 10, 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. to noon
For more information: contact Wilma at 705-457-5829

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When: Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton U. C., 10 George St, Haliburton
What: How to talk about the climate crisis without killing the conversation
Cost: by donation
For more info: Susan Hay 705-457-9239

Lunch and Learn with Tammy Rea
When: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 12 p.m. lunch, presentation at 1 p.m.
Where: Bonnie View Inn, 2713 Kashagawigamog Road, Haliburton
Cost is $20 (cash or cheque only)
For tickets call Angela Jones at 416-578-6998

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Haliburton: No-Family Doctor Immunization Clinic
When: Wednesday, Sept. 11
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton.
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Haliburton: Food Handler Course
When: Thursday, Sept. 12, 9 am to 4 p.m.
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.
This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is $40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577.

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When: Saturday, Sept. 14, 8 a.m. to Noon
Where: Haliburton Fire Hall
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Where: Haliburton Legion
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Where: Minden Hills Community Centre
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Haliburton: Basics for Small Drinking Water Systems (O.Reg.319/08) Course
When: Wednesday, Oct. 2, 8:30 am to 4:30 p.m.
Where: Abbey Retreat Centre (1150 Garden Gate Dr.) in Haliburton
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Asphalt plant fight heats up

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

With a petition in hand and a crowd of 60 people cheering them on, two Carnarvon residents made a special presentation to Algonquin Highlands council last week to protest the building of an asphalt plant near their homes.

Both Gord Smith and Cathy Olliffe arrived at the Stanhope Community Centre last week armed with endless research from the Internet supporting the environmental and health reasons why they didn't want an asphalt plant built in their backyards.

"The whole idea stinks," Smith said. "From all the research we've done, I found out consistently that an asphalt plant is not clean, not

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LOOK INSIDE

Cancer survivor

Darlene Yule is living proof that money raised by the Terry Fox Run works.

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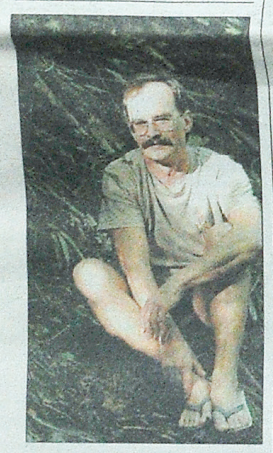

Sounds of silence

Karl Hamilton brings the sounds of the Highlands to life on his CD.

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"Haliburton County is not the place for smoke stack industry."

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Fall harvest – police seize $6-million of marijuana

Sheryl Loucks/TIMES

Members of the OPP Emergency Response Team filled two U-Haul trucks with thousands marijuana plants seized on a piece of private property on Buller Road near Miner's Bay last Friday. It's quite the harvest season for the OPP in the Highlands.

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Sounding more like a farmer than an Ontario Provincial Police detective, Rick Barnum explained that his unit's haul on Friday consisted of 5,600 healthy, four foot high hemp plants that might have been converted into approximately $5 - 6 million worth of marijuana.

"In the fall these plants go to bud like many others and that's when they're harvested. They're also easier to spot by air because they're taller," Barnum commented. "We're enjoying getting these ones. These guys went the extra mile. The plants are in excellent condition."

Barnum and the Kawartha Combined Forces Drug Unit raided a property on Buller Road near Miners Bay on Friday. The police followed up on a Crimestoppers tip by sending out the OPP helicopter to look for the plants after finding another "grow" of 3,000 plants in Gooderham on Thursday.

The growers' "extra mile" is how they put the plants in buckets near a swamp where water could be pumped to irrigate them. The site was also well hidden from the road.

Peter Corbett, OPP detective, says they have suspects and expect to be laying charges soon. He did not say whether or not the property owner was involved with the growing operation. The owner was not on site during the seizure.

Corbett says that years ago a few hundred

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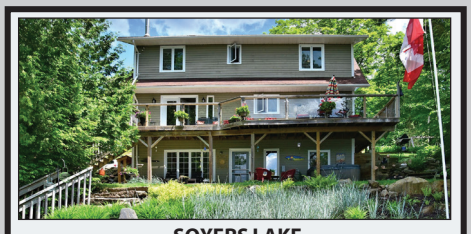

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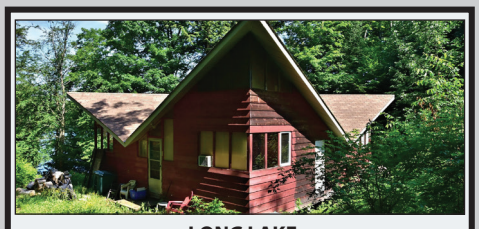
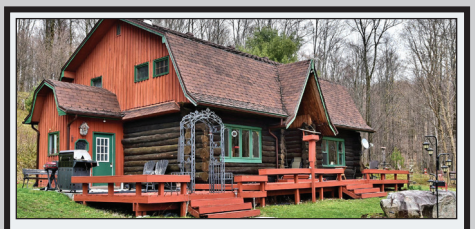
3BR, 3 bath cottage or waterfront home. Open concept kitchen and dining, large master with 3pc ensuite and screened in porch. 125ft of frontage with stunning western lake front views.
$683,000

HALIBURTON LAKE
Looking for the perfect family cottage to use year-round? Look no further. Bright open concept 3BR, 1 bath. Level lot. Large grassed area. Many upgrades.
$599,000



LONG LAKE
3 BR, 1 bath seasonal cottage. 700ft of frontage. 52 acres of land. Clean, sand/rock shoreline. Awaits your finishing touch. A great opportunity.
$599,000

TWELVE MILE LAKE
A million dollar view! Nice and bright custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home across the road from Twelve Mile Lake. Waterfront enjoyment without waterfront taxes.
$569,969

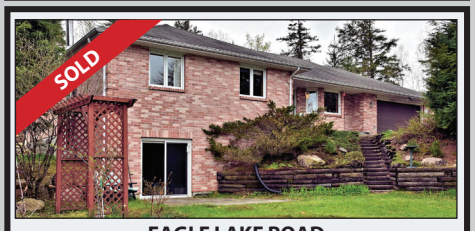


CARROLL ROAD
Every nature lovers dream! 3 BR, 2 bath rustic log home. Open concept, sunken living room. Large 3 bay garage, wood and garden sheds all on 92 acres
$559,500

DRAG LAKE
3BR, 1 bath seasonal cottage. Recently upgraded kitchen and appliances, 102 ft of frontage on Drag Lake. Sunny lot with south east exposure. Single dry boathouse/shed.
$529,000

SOYERS LAKE
Yr round home/cottage. 2 acres lot. 344 ft of frontage. 3 BR, 1 bath open concept living. Bright eat-in kitchen, sunken living room. Over-sized single garage.
$499,000

SOUTH PORTAGE LAKE
3BR, 1 bath year-round cottage. Large kitchen and dining, oak cabinetry, cedar cathedral ceilings, sunken living room and four season porch. Western views and level lot.
$489,000



EAGLE LAKE ROAD
Enjoy privacy and nature! 3BR, 3 bath brick home. Large master BR w/ 4pc ensuite. 5 acres. Double attached garage. Small private pond and walking trails.
$449,000

BURNT RIVER
Attention all Artists and Nature Lovers! 3 BR, 2 bath home. 3.49 acres w/ 600 ft of frontage. Large artist studio. Architecturally designed. Full finished lower.Single garage.
$448,500

GOODERHAM LAKE
Move in ready 3 bedroom, 1 bath cottage perfectly situated on a gorgeous natural Algonquin style lot. 131 feet of frontage on Gooderham Lake.
$395,000

SALERNO LAKE
2 BR, 1 bath seasonal cottage sits on waters edge and awaits your finishing touch. 115ft of frontage on Salerno Lake, known for its excellent fishing.
$289,000

VACANT LOTS

25TH LINE - 198 AC - SOLD
$225,000
HARBURN ROAD, 44.17 AC
$108,000
CONTAU LAKE ROAD, 3.91 AC
$49,000
FRED JONES ROAD 0.38 AC - NEW LISTING
$25,000

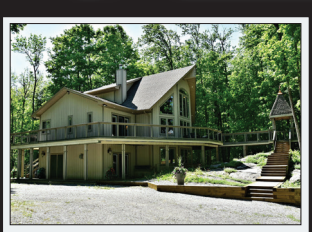
VACANT WATERFRONT LOTS

KENNISIS LAKE - 4.3 AC - NEW LISTING
$999,000
COLBOURNE LAKE, 4.83 AC
$289,000
CONTAU LAKE, 1.33 AC
$165,000
IRONDALE RIVER, 3.22 AC
$79,000

THE RE/MAX COLLECTION®

Soyers Lake
Private 4BR 1 1/2 storey home/cottage. Level to gentle sloping 1.22 acre lot. 210 ft of frontage. 2 Large grassed areas. Shallow sand beach. 5 Lake chain. Stone fireplace, finished loft and much more.
$1,295,000

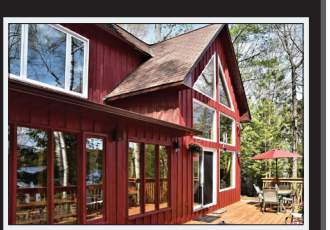
Grass Lake
Breathtaking 4BR, 4 bath cottage or waterfront home. Sunny level lot with South Eastern views. 5 minutes from Haliburton Village. Personal boat launch. Part of Haliburton's 5 lake chain.
$1,050,000



Otter Lake
Custom built 4BR waterfront home/cottage. Very Private. 462 ft of frontage. 67 acres. Small lake w/ great fishing. Granite fireplace, cathedral ceiling and fully finished lower level.
$999,900

Colbourne Lake
25 Acres with 300 ft of frontage. 4 BR, 2 bath log home/cottage. Open concept living. Warp around covered deck, private boat launch. Heated workshop, garage and bunkie.
$999,000

Drag Lake
Peace and tranquility! 10 minutes from Haliburton Village. 3BR, 3 bath year-round home/cottage. Quiet bay. Large open concept 2 1/2 storey home w/ finished loft.
$899,000



Kennisis Lake
Breathtaking Southern views! 4BR, 2 bath. 2 storey home/cottage. Year-round access. Sloping lot w/ stone steps to waters edge and dock. Move in and enjoy.
$839,000